



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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PATENT  
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In re the application of C. Bagaosian et al. )

Examiner: S. Kennedy

For: **INTRAVASCULAR CATHETER  
WITH A REPLACEABLE SHAFT  
SECTION** )

Group Art Unit: 3763

Serial No.: 08/843,711 )

**RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION**

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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action  
of April 24, 2001 having a response due by July 24, 2001.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Please add the following new Claim 31.**

31. (New) A catheter for introduction into and withdrawal from the vascular  
system of a patient over a guidewire in said vascular system, which comprises:

a) said catheter having a distal section and a proximal section;

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